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MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF OF AIR STAFF, ARMY AIR FORCES

SUBJECT: Assignment of Army Air craft

1. Reference Office Instruction No. 55-6, Headquarters, Army Air Forces, 9 October 1944, paragraph 2 b of which lists certain key personnel and agencies to which assignment of military aircraft will be continued.
2. It is requested that the Office of Strategic Services be included in such list on the basis of considerations outlined below.
3. Aircraft UC-45 F, Air Corps Ser. No. 43-35936, was assigned for use of the Office of Strategic Services by The Commanding General, Army Air Forces in 1st Indorsement to memorandum from OSS, subject: Assignment of C-45 Aircraft to Director of Strategic Services, dated 19 June 1944.
4. From the date of the above assignment, the aircraft has been in almost constant use by this Agency except, of course, for periods during which it was grounded for maintenance, because of poor weather or loaned to Bolling Field Operations.
5. The aircraft has been invaluable to this Agency in operational testing of highly classified equipment proposed for air operations in the various theaters of operations. Test work in the process of completion has already speeded the development of a new type cargo parachute, techniques of aerial pick-up of cargo and free throw containers, communications and other equipment.
6. The aircraft has been used also for the purpose of transporting the Director and key personnel of this Agency when other facilities were impractical, for security reasons, or emergency travel was urgent.
7. On the basis of the foregoing considerations, it is requested that assignment of aircraft UC-45 F, Air Corps Ser. No. 43-35936, for the use of the Office of Strategic Services be continued.

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